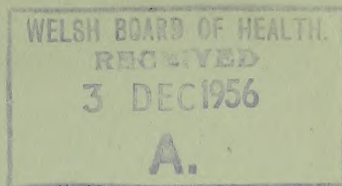


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Cwmaman Urban District Council,
Council Offices,
Glanamman.
Carms.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1955

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Mr. D. S. Morgan, the Sanitary Inspector, left the district in May and Mr. Sunderland carried out the meat inspection in the area until he commenced full time duties with the Council in August. I wish to thank him for his help and co-operation in the work of the Health Department.

I also wish to thank the Member of the Council and the Staff for their support and interest.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Gladys M. Herbert.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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M.B., B.S., D.P.H.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District	756 Acres.
The Registrar General's Estimate of -						
Resident Population for 1955	...	...	...	...	...	4,370.
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	1,299.
Number of Council Houses completed during the year						13.
Product of a Penny Rate	£41. 17. 2d.
Rateable Value	£11,698.

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VITAL STATISTICSLIVE BIRTHS

There was a slight increase in the number of births again this year and the birth rate is now just above that for the County.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	29	29	58
Illegitimate	1	0	1
TOTAL	30	29	59

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population -

for Cwmamman U. D.	-	13.50
for Carmarthenshire	-	13.31
for England and Wales	-	15.0

STILL BIRTHS

This year there was only one Still Birth compared with 5 last year. In contrast to the high rate last year, this year's is below that for the County and for England and Wales.

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	1

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births -

for Cwmamman U. D.	-	16.66
for Carmarthenshire	-	24.04
for England and Wales	-	23.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES

It is gratifying to report again this year that there were no Maternal Deaths resulting from Pregnancy or Childbirth.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthen -shire	England and Wales
No. of Deaths	0	5	
Rate per 1,000 total Births	0	2.1	0.64

DEATH RATES

DISEASE	Cwmaman U.D. 1954	Cwmaman U.D. 1955	Carm- arthen- shire
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	0.23)	0.23)	0.24
" Non - Respiratory	0.0)	0.0)	
Diphtheria	.00	.00	.00
Measles	.00	0.23	
Cancer	2.73	2.28	2.13
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1.06	1.83	
Other Heart Diseases	3.41	4.81	
Other Circulatory Diseases	1.36	0.69	
Influenza	0.00	0.23	
Pneumonia	0.23	0.00	
Bronchitis	1.36	0.23	
Other Respiratory Diseases	2.05	0.46	
Nephritis	0.23	0.23	
Prostatic Diseases	0.68	.00	
Other Ill-defined Diseases	1.14	0.69	
Motor Accidents	.00	0.23	
Other Accidents	0.68	0.69	
Congenital Malformations	0.23	0.46	
ALL CAUSES	18.07	13.50	14.10

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Number of Deaths from Cancer : Male - 6, Female 4, Total - 10,

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS FROM CANCER

CAUSE	50 - 55		55 - 60		60 - 65		70 - 75		75 - 80		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Lung											0
Stomach								1	2		3
Colon & Rectum		1			1						2
Breast											0
Ovary											0
Uterus				1							1
Other Sites						1	2		1		4
TOTAL	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	10

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OF
DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

There was an epidemic of measles during the year, 94 cases were notified, 54 male and 40 female. There were also three cases of acute encephalitis, post infectious, two of them due to measles. One of these children died.

DISEASES	Notifications received
Measles	94
Acute encephalitis post infectious	3
Puerperal pyrexia	8
Pneumonia	1
Food Poisoning	1
TOTAL	107

FOOD POISONING

One single case was notified. The patient was admitted to Hospital for treatment and salmonella typhi murium organisms were isolated. The source of the infection was not discovered. No other members of the household were affected.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of Diphtheria occurred in the area in 1955 but a few more children were immunised against this disease during the year.

The numbers are :-

49 children, aged under 5 years received full primary course.

0 children, aged 5 - 15 years received a full primary course.

0 children received re-inforcing injection.

It is hoped that all parents will ensure that their children are given this protection during infancy - either by their family doctor or at the Infant Welfare Clinic, held on alternate Wednesdays at Bethesda Vestry, Glanarman, 2 - 4 p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS

6 new cases were notified during the year, 4 male and 2 female, all respiratory.

Classification in Age Groups of New Cases Notified

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
Under 10	0	1
20 - 25	1	0
25 - 30	0	1
40 - 50	1	0
50 - 60	2	0
TOTAL	4	2

Name	Address
John Doe	123 Main St, New York, NY
Jane Smith	456 Elm St, Los Angeles, CA
Bob Johnson	789 Oak St, Chicago, IL

Date	Description	Amount
1/1/2020	Initial deposit	\$1000.00
1/15/2020	Withdrawal	\$200.00
2/1/2020	Interest	\$10.00
2/15/2020	Withdrawal	\$150.00
3/1/2020	Interest	\$12.00
3/15/2020	Withdrawal	\$180.00
Total		\$702.00

TUBERCULOSISDEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

There was one death from this disease during the year, a male suffering from chronic respiratory tuberculosis.

Case and Death Rates from Tuberculosis

Area	Case Rates	Death Rates
Cwamamman U.D.	1.37	0.23
Carmarthenshire	1.35	0.24

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47

One man was dealt with under this Act, but no Order was required.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATIONWATER SUPPLY

The supply of water in the district was, throughout the year, plentiful, as, when the local sources of supply at Glyndraenog and Cwmpedol did not yield sufficient, the deficiency was supplied by the Loughor Joint Water Board, a bulk supply arrangement being in operation. The chlorination plant has worked satisfactorily, frequent samples being sent for bacteriological examination so as to safeguard the health of consumers. Samples are submitted regularly for chemical analysis, and results are uniformly good.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The sewers have worked satisfactorily throughout the year. The system is by gravitation to disposal works at Pentyffynnon, which works are under the control of the Amman Valley Joint Sewerage Board. There is no question that the sewers are sufficiently large to deal adequately with the needs of the district.

RIVERS POLLUTION

No serious pollution of rivers and streams in the area has occurred. The South West Wales Rivers Board is the rivers pollution authority for the area. Such pollution as there is in existence is a result of coal-mining effluents being discharged into the streams without having had sufficient time for settlement of suspended matter. The Rivers Board is watching the position carefully.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The statistics in this matter are as follows :-

No. of Houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connected to Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	1244
No. of Houses with Closets on the Water Carriage System connect to Cesspits, remaining to be connected to Sewers						NIL
No. of Houses with Closets built on the Conservancy System, not able to connect to Sewers	...	...	...			27
No. of Houses remaining to be connected			...	...		18

PUBLIC CLEANSING - DRY REFUSE

The Council undertakes the removal of all Dry Refuse, collection being made by the Council Lorry twice weekly from all parts of the district. The Refuse when collected, is tipped at Neuadd Farm and Penybont. In my opinion, steps should be taken to enforce the provision by householders of proper Dustbins, as all kinds of insanitary receptacles are now used. It has always been the exception to see a proper covered Dustbin in the streets of the district, all kinds of boxes, tins and buckets being used for the purpose. Under the provisions of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the provision of a proper covered Dustbin can be enforced.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

No. of Inspections made for Nuisance	...	...	...	174
No. of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	105
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	NIL
No. of Water Leakage Inspections	...	...	...	166
No. of Water Leakage Notices	...	...	...	81

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No. of Council Houses found to be infested	...	...	NIL
No. of other houses found to be infested	...	...	NIL
No. of Houses disinfested	...	...	NIL

SCHOOLS

There are three Schools in the Area, and frequent visits are paid to them. The sanitary condition of the Schools is excellent, each being provided with modern sanitary conveniences connected to the Sewers, and with an abundant supply of water from the Council's mains.

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITY

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Area, nor are there any Registered Houses let in lodgings.

HOUSING

Inspection of Houses during the year :-

1. (a) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects under Public Health or Housing Act	...	...	176
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	188
2. Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	NIL
3. Number of Houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation	...	...	47

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice :-

Number of Defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	44
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year -

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-				
(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring Defects to be remedied	...			18
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were made fit after Service of Formal Notice	...	...	...	17

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year (Continued)

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Act :-

(1)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	37
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses in which Defects were remedied after Service of Formal Notice	... ..	37

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	NIL
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Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV. Overcrowding :-

(a)	(1)	No. of Houses Overcrowded at the end of the year	...	40
	(2)	No. of Families Dwelling therein	... ..	81
	(3)	No. of Persons Dwelling there	... ..	309
	(4)	No. of houses occupied for the first time during 1955	...	12
(b)		Number of new cases of Overcrowding reported during the year	... ..	NIL
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year	12
	(2)	Number of Families Dwelling therein	12

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MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Since the decontrol of the meat trade two slaughterhouses have been licensed, and a certain amount of meat is brought into the district, being purchased from wholesalers in other districts. The quality of the meat exposed for sale is excellent. All foods exposed for sale are regularly examined so as to protect the public from the consumption of any unwholesome products.

BAKEHOUSES

Number of Bakehouses on the Register	...	...	...	3
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of houses fumigated after cases of Infectious Diseases	14
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CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

Work has continued on the control of the Rat population, the added powers given to Local Authorities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts being of particular value.

Financial assistance is still given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and, while this continues, work can be carried on without too great a financial burden being carried by the rates.

Large numbers of rats are destroyed by following up complaints received from householders.

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year (Continued)(a) Proceedings under Public Health Act :-

37	...	(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring default to be remedied
37	...	(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which Defects were remedied after Service of Formal Notice
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INSURANCES

3	...	Number of Policies on the Register
8	...	Number of Inspections made

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Number of houses visited after cases of Infectious Diseases 14

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